

Governor's Leadership in the Arts Award

2008 Arts Education Leadership Award presented to Ferron Holt

Remarks from 2008 Lieutenant Governor Gary R. Herbert

"This year's first leadership award is given to **Ferron Holt** - Ferron came to our attention in 2005 when the Utah Arts Council started its listening tours. He came to the sessions held in Cedar City and was the first person to really bring the state of arts education in the schools to our attention. He helped us understand the trade-off that was taking place between arts education and other learning styles, and the subsequent response he was witnessing in the schools as an environment for learning. In support of this, his name initially came up as someone in the Washington County area who was working hard (and has been for years) within the local schools and community to ensure that students received exposure to and education in the arts. We are greatly impressed by his dedication and wholehearted approach to arts education and his willingness to fight to maintain arts programs in his school district for the benefit of his students.

Ferron Holt has taught for 33 years and has been the Coordinator of Fine Arts for Washington County Schools for five years.

It is my pleasure to present Ferron Holt with the 2008 Governor's Leadership in the Arts Award."

